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RESPONSE AND REMARKS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The Office Action dated 17 September 1998 raised an election of species requirement between GLP-2 peptides comprising a specific lipophilic substituent set forth in the claims, and the specific parent GLP-2 peptide set forth in the claims.

Currently, claims 1-34 and 39 are generic. Regarding election of a specific lipophilic substituent, Applicants herein elect the lipophilic substituent group having the formula $CH_3(CH_2)_rCO$ -NHCH(COOH)(CH_2) $_2CO$ -, wherein r is an integer of from 10 to 24. This liphophilic substitutent is recited in claim 20. The claims readable thereon include claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, and 20.

Regarding election of a specific parent GLP-2 peptide, Applicants herein elect GLP-2(1-33) or an analogue or fragment thereo. This parent GLP-2 peptide is recited in claim 29, and is readable upon claims 29-32.